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Soyuz-11/Salyut

Soyuz-11 was launched on 6 June 1971 with three Cosmonauts aboard. The vehicle was launched in plane with the Salyut I orbital space station launched on 19 April 1971. The mission of Soyuz-11 appears to be identical to the mission of Soyuz-10 which was aborted after a flight of two days due to a failure in the newly developed docking mechanism.

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The Soviets have released information on the Salyut. The vehicle weighs approximately 40,000 pounds and consists of a series of cylinders with a maximum diameter of 14 feet and an overall length of about 40 feet. The Salyut air-tight volume of 3200 cu. ft., comprising three compartments; a transit compartment, a working compartment and an instrument compartment.

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